

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,608,917 (Wei, *et al*). The Examiner objected to claims 2-5 and 7-10 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of their base claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for so indicating. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 3 and 8, respectively, and has canceled claims 3, 8, and 11. Applicants have further amended claims 4 and 9. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant urges that independent claims 1 and 6, as amended, recite patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these section 102 rejections are respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant urges that claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-10 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on this case is respectfully requested.

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